



# ACSC

- ACSC - MAXWELL AFB AL
  - Aug 05 - Jun 06
  - OBJECTIVE: Educate mid-career officers to lead in developing, advancing, and applying air and space power across the spectrum of service, joint, and combined military operations
  - Emphasize the analytical and practical tools students will need as future leaders
  - DEMOGRAPHICS: All AFSCs
  - SCHOOL POC: DSN 493-7911



# **ACSC - Specialized Study Track**

## **AGILE COMBAT SUPPORT (AG)**

### **Course Description:**

The AG course presents the USAF ACS concept of operations (CONOPs) that describes the processes that ensure support forces and resources are ready to employ and sustain air and space forces in Global Engagement Operations across the full spectrum of military operations. The AG course begins with a detailed study of ACS CONOPs, and its relationship to, and integration with, the Air and Space Expeditionary Force (AEF). Students are then provided a forum in which they can focus on the integration of ACS effects-based capabilities and key functional area tasks, with CSAF operational concepts, Air and Space Expeditionary Task Force (AETF) force modules, and the AEF. Additionally, students will be introduced to joint and coalition expeditionary operations to gain a better understanding of theater-wide joint expeditionary combat support operations. Finally, students apply their understanding of ACS CONOPs concepts and their integration with the AEF and AETF force modules, as they personally examine real-world challenges facing combat support forces in an Eagle Flag exercise designed to put ACS theory into practice.



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## **AIR AND SPACE POWER EMPLOYMENT (AI)**

### **Course Description:**

Air and Space Employment is a doctrinal planning and execution exercise played at the strategic and tactical level. It will cover the complete spectrum of joint war fighting from the formulation of the JFC's OPLAN through the execution of an air operations plan in support of the JFC's objectives. Students will travel to Hurlburt Field, FL, to work in the Air Operations Center in mid-May 04. Particular areas of study will include exploration of doctrinal disagreements, battlespace management, and synchronization of air and land operations.



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## **ACQUISITION MANAGEMENT (AQ)**

### **Course Description:**

The Acquisition Management Specialized Studies Course provides a broad overview of the DOD systems acquisition process, including the basics of systems program management and the developmental life cycle of a system from inception to disposal. This course covers the integration of business, technical and management activities, culminating in the application of acquisition policies, procedures, best practices and lessons learned to solve a variety of problems through the use of an integrated product team environment.



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## **INFORMATION OPERATIONS (IS)**

### **Course Description:**

As the Air Force redefines the relationship between air, space, and information operations, this course provides officers with an appreciation for the capabilities and limitations that the discipline of information operations brings to the fight. This course will prepare officers with diverse backgrounds for assignment to staff positions that require understanding of information operations. Students will assess the interrelationships between air, space, and information operations, and the integration of information operations within the joint air and space operations plan and the joint force commander's campaign plan.



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## **MOBILITY OPERATIONS (MO)**

### **Course Description:**

This course presents an overview of the mobility system within the context of the greater DoD transportation system. Students will comprehend mobility functions and programs to include major weapon systems, infrastructure, command and control, staff, and operations. Students will analyze current mobility challenges, apply critical thinking, and brief potential solutions.



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## **POLITICAL-MILITARY STRATEGIST (PM)**

### **Course Description:**

The Political-Military Strategist course examines in detail the principal actors and processes involved in today's dynamic international security environment. The course emphasizes major premises of cooperation and specific priorities in key regions. Students learn about the roles of key players from the Regional Combatant Commanders and in-country assets to the interagency process and the Congress. Students gain insights through presentations by practitioners in security assistance, international armaments cooperation, and foreign disclosure and technology transfer. During the last week of the course, students focus on coalition warfare and participate in a joint planning cell at a combatant command.



# **ACSC - Specialized Study Track PLANS AND PROGRAMS (PP)**

## **Course Description:**

This course provides officers with an appreciation for the array of necessary tasks, competencies, education, and interrelationships in serving well as a plans and programs action officer. Students will understand the strategic foundation for the plans and programs they handle on behalf of senior DoD and coalition leaders. Further, they come to appreciate their role in the complex, inter-agency and intra-governmental chains-of-events from determining requirements, through the approval and funding processes, to actual execution.





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## **SPACE OPERATIONS (SO)**

### **Course Description:**

As the DoD Executive Agent for Space, the Air Force is the lead service for charting the future for military space. As such, the SO course presents major space system capabilities, limitations, constructs, and doctrinal principles required to develop and sustain a cadre of space experts skilled and knowledgeable in the development, application, and integration of space concepts, doctrine, and capabilities to achieve national security objectives. The course begins by examining the history and fundamentals of space operations. In addition to space system capabilities, limitations, and issues, the utility of space missions to the warfighter and joint force commander's campaign plan are then examined in detail. The course concludes by providing students a hands-on understanding of space acquisition, operations, and mission integration through practical studies field trips to United States Strategic Command, Headquarters Air Force Space Command, and subordinate units.